

REMARKS

Amendment J is hereby provided after careful consideration of the Examiner's comments set forth in the Office Action mailed December 9, 2008. Claims 2, 3, and 5-21 remain in the application and claim 22 is added after Amendment J is entered. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks provided herein.

The Office Action

Claims 2 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) for allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0054296 to Chuang et al.

Claims 7 and 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for allegedly being obvious over Chuang and the Examiner's allegation that certain features are either inherently disclosed in Chuang or well known in the art (i.e., Examiner's Notice).

Claims 3-6, 8-10, and 11-15 are identified as dependent claims that would be allowable if placed in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Art Rejections

Claims 2 and 16 Patentably Distinguish Over Chuang.

As amended, independent claim 2 now incorporates the limitations of originally-filed claim 4. Claim 4 was a dependent claim that was identified as being allowable if it is combined with all of the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Based at least on the foregoing, it is submitted that claim 2 is patentably distinguished from Chuang. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 2 and claims dependent thereon (e.g., claim 16) are currently in condition for allowance.

Claims 7 and 17-20 Patentably Distinguish Over the Combination of Chuang and Examiner's Official Notice.

Claims 7 and 17-20 depend from independent claim 2. Accordingly, claims 7 and 17-20 are patentably distinct from Chuang and Examiner's Official Notice for at least the

same reasons provided above distinguishing claim 2 from Chuang. Based at least on the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 7 and 17-20 are currently in condition for allowance.

The Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 3 is an Independent Claim.

Claim 3 was identified as a dependent claim that would be allowable if it is combined with all of the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. However, claim 3 is an independent claim after having been placed in independent form in Amendment I filed November 21, 2008. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 3 and claims dependent thereon (e.g., claims 21 and 22) are currently in condition for allowance without further amendment.

Claim 11 is an Independent Claim.

Claim 11 was identified as a dependent claim that would be allowable if it is combined with all of the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. However, claim 11 is an independent claim after having been placed in independent form in Amendment I filed November 21, 2008. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 11 and claims dependent thereon (e.g., claims 12-15) are currently in condition for allowance without further amendment.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is respectfully submitted all claims remaining in the application (Claims 2, 3, and 5-22) are now in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.


In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to telephone Alan C. Brandt, at (216) 363-9000.

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